In claim 9, line 1, please remove "or 8".

In claim 11, line 1, please remove "or 10".

In claim 12, line 1, please replace "according to any one of claims 9 to 11" with –

according to claim 9--.

In claim 13, line 1, please replace "according to any one of claims 7 to 12" with

–according to claim 7--.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the

application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 3, 5, 6, 9,
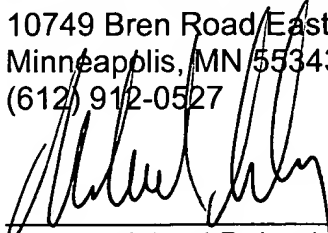
11, 12, and 13.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into

the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and

consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning

this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at

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